

IN THE CLAIMS

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Before claim 1, change "Patent claims" to --I CLAIM:--

Please amend claims 1-10 as follows:

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1. (amended) An operating arrangement for a sliding door (10), in particular of motor vehicles, having a door lock (14), a latching device (16) which can be arrested in a positive-locking manner and is [intended] for holding the sliding door (10) in its open position, and an inside door operating means (18) having an inside door handle, and [also] an outside door operating means (20) having an outside door handle, connecting elements (22, 24, 28), [it being possible for] the door lock (14) and the latching device (16) being able to be operated mechanically by the door handles via said connecting elements (22, 24, 28), and [the] logical functions for locking/unlocking the sliding door (10) [are] being realized in the door lock (14), driver elements (40, 42), wherein the connecting elements (22, 24) between the two door handles and the door lock (14) have said driver elements (40, 42), which act via a driven element (32, 44) on [a] the connecting element (28) connected to the latching device (16).

2. (amended) ~~The operating arrangement~~
as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least for [the] said two door

~~handles separate said connecting elements (22, 24) and driver elements (40, 42) are provided, the latter interacting with a single said driven element (32, 44).~~

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3. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 2, wherein the driver elements (40, 42) lie directly next to one another and [the] said connecting elements (22, 24) from the door handles run parallel to one another at least in this region.

4. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 1 [one of claims 1 to 3], wherein the driver elements (40, 42) act on a reversing lever (32) on which the connecting element (28) to the latching device (16) is secured.

5. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], wherein the driver elements (40, 42) are uncoupled from the connecting element (28) to the latching device (16) [in] such [a manner] that driving only takes place in a direction of movement relative to one another.

6. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 5, wherein [the] uncoupled driving takes

place by simple bearing of [the] said driver elements (40, 42) against a driving surface (44) on [the] reversing lever (32).

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7. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], wherein the connecting elements (22, 24, 28) are at least partially [designed] formed as Bowden cables.

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8. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 7, wherein [the] said Bowden cables (22, 24) of the connecting elements from the door handles are [of] continuous [design] in [the] a region of the driver elements (40, 42), [the] Bowden-cable sheaths (36) being [having been] omitted in [this] said region.

~~9. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 8, wherein [the] Bowden-cable sheaths (36) of the door-handle connecting elements (22, 24) end molded onto [the] walls of a housing body (30) on which the reversing lever (32) is pivotably mounted.~~

10. (amended) The operating arrangement as claimed in claim 9, wherein [the] said housing body (30) is of essentially mirror-symmetrical [construction] formation.